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Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing is a patent application of <u>Bernard Bon</u> entitled <u>"PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING A TIRE SAFETY SUPPORT AND SUPPORT OBTAINED BY THIS PROCESS"</u> which includes:

[X] Specification 19 Total Pages [X] Claims 5 pages [X] Abstract 1 page [X] Drawings Figs. 1 sheet [] formal [X] informal [X] Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney [] Newly executed (original or copy) [X] Copy from a prior application [X] If a continuing application, check appropriate box: [] Continuation [X] Divisional [] Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Serial No. 09/842,523, filed April 25, 2001, which claims priority to FR 00/05346, filed April 25, 2000.

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